


Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

 [0021] As illustrated in Fig. 2, the bill acceptor 10 is intended to sequentially receive a note 11, which can be either a ticket or a bill, into the note discriminator 14 to initiate play of the gaming machine (not shown). The note discriminator 14 scans each note 11 inserted into an opening 24 of the note discriminator 14 to determine the authenticity, type (legal tender or ticket), denomination and condition (whether the note is worn) of the note 11. Once the note 11 is inserted into the opening 24 of the discriminator 14, rollers 26 and 28 draw the note 11 into the discriminator 14. Then rollers 30, 32 and rollers 34, ~~26~~, 36, each acting in parity with one another, further draw the note 11 past various sensors (not shown) to examine and validate the note 11. As the note 11 is captured and transported past the optical and magnetic sensors, the sensors typically sense light reflected by and/or transmitted through the note 11, reflectivity and transmission patterns, size of the note 11 and the magnetic characteristics of the inserted note 11.